

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Fiber Imbedded  
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.191, appellants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the examiner dated 10/22/2003, finally rejecting claims 1-10, 13-15, and 19-21.

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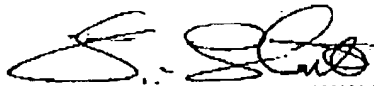
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